

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-12 were rejected. With this Amendment, claim 1 was amended. Accordingly, claims 1-12 are at issue in the above-identified application.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Anticipation Rejection of Claims & 35 U.S.C. § 103 Obviousness Rejection of Claims

Claims 1-4, 6, and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Mullen* (U.S. Patent No. 6,369,366). Claims 5 and 7-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Mullen* in view of *Boehm et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,606,905). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

Claim 1 recites a roaster comprising an upper pan including an upper side wall, an upper pan heating element thermally associated with the upper pan, a lower pan connected to the upper pan, the lower pan including a lower side wall, and a lower pan heating element thermally associated with the lower pan, *wherein at least one of the upper side wall or the lower side wall is thermally connected with at least one of the upper pan heating element or the lower pan heating element so as to provide cooking heat.*

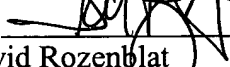
None of the references, either alone or in combination, teach or disclose a roaster wherein at least one of an upper side wall or a lower side wall is thermally connected with at least one of an upper pan heating element or a lower pan heating element so as to provide cooking heat. For example, while *Mullen* discloses a combination cooking electric cooking apparatus capable of being selectively operated by either DC or AC electrical power source having a metal heating plate 17a and 17b secure to an open top end of a side wall 14a and 14b of each housing 12a and

12b, wherein each heating plate 17a and 17b has a central recessed flat surface 18a and 18b surrounded by a raised side wall 19a and 19b with a flat shoulder 20a and 20b. However, there is no indication of what material the raised side walls 19a and 19b are made out of and whether the raised side walls 19a and 19b are thermally connected with a heating element so as to provide *cooking heat*.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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